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ALTONA'S MAYOR WON'T BELIEVE POPULATION DROP Call for action

Altona's population, according to the Bureau of Statistics, has dropped since 1971, but the Mayor, Cr. Les Crofts, refuses to believe the figures.

"How can we have lost the number of people the census indicates when we have the Altona Meadows estate and a great number of flats and units built in the area since 1971?" he said.

The census figures state that Altona's population has dropped from 30,589 to 30,264 in five years.

"We will be investigating this matter. The council will write to the bureau to find out whether the same boundaries were used in this year's census as were used in 1971," Cr. Crofts said.

"If I find it extremely hard to believe that we've had a mass exodus, I will be very worried, of course, if the figures are correct.

"One possibility of a slip-up could be that the Meadows sub-division has been included in Laverton instead of Altona.

"However, statistics can do funny things at times, and we intend following

up the announcement of these figures."

Housing action

Altona, Footscray and Williamstown councils have all been advised to consider special industrial and housing programmes following the release of the census details.

The details have shown that the three western suburbs, along with all Melbourne's inner suburbs, have declining populations.

The executive secretary of the Western Region Commission, Mr. John Thompson, said special programs should be drawn up to attract

people back to the west.

These could include housing redevelopment and incentives for industries to move into the west.

The census revealed that Footscray's population dropped from 57,983 in 1971 to 51,112 this year.

Williamstown's moved from 30,055 in 1971 to 6,426.

At last Friday's Western Region Commission meeting, Mr. Thompson presented industrial figures for Footscray which showed there were more than 1300 fewer jobs available now than 12 months ago.

In this time several industries had retrenched staff. The major retrenchments were Rothmans (300), Borthwicks (240), Empire Rubber (50), Angliss (600), BTR Apex Belting (48) and Bonds Weaving (50).



Graham Lalor's leading Jaycee

Graham Costelow, 37 (above), has been chosen as the Lalor Region's Jaycee of the Year.

Graham, of Cooper Avenue Altona North is president-elect of the Altona Jaycee chapter.

He has been a member at Altona for the past two years, but was a foundation member of the Maryborough branch until moving to the west.

He was chosen top Jaycee from branches throughout Lalor, which includes chapters in the northern and western suburbs, and country areas Bendigo and Bacchus Marsh.

Mr. Barry Thompson, Lalor Region programme director, said yesterday Graham had been one of the most constructive and active members in the organi-

sation during the year.

"He has set a real example with his enthusiasm and involvement, and sheer hard work," he said.

He said that at the start of this year, the Altona chapter had nine members.

"They set about gaining 'recruits', and Graham was one of those on the membership planning committee. It wasn't just his work in this field but the chapter now has 19 members, a phenomenal increase.

"He has also made it his business to take part in State and regional Jaycee conferences, and when he had something to say, it was always constructive.

"I've got a lot of time for Graham — he's a credit to the movement."

Graham and his wife, Maureen, have two young sons — Darryl, 6, and Bradley, 3. He works for Nelson Brothers, funeral directors.

High schools short

Altona's three high schools are a total of 31 teachers short following the Education Department's announcement of staff appointments.

Mr. J. Blackburn, deputy principal at Altona North High School said yesterday the shortage "is par for the course in this area".

His school has three staff appointments for 14 vacancies advertised.

Most of the 11 teachers who will be sent to Altona North to fill the remaining vacancies will be graduates just out of training.

Mr. Blackburn, who will transfer to Latrobe High School next year, said Altona North High would again lack a physical education teacher in 1977.

"There is a big shortage in this field throughout Victoria, but we are on to the Education Department almost every day about our need.

"We are also, for some peculiar reason, short in geography teachers, and we press this point home, too, in no uncertain terms.

"But we on the staff can deal with the department only — it's up to the school council to take other measures, like holding a deputation to the Minister, or writing to him, which it may well do."

Mr. Blackburn said the school "could not get by" without teachers from the United States. There are presently six on the staff.

Paisley High School advertised 13

teacher vacancies and received six appointments. The remaining seven places will be filled by first-year teachers just out of training.

Mr. Carl Keeney, deputy principal at the school, said yesterday Paisley would not have a physical education teacher next year.

"We aren't at all hopeful, but we may be able to fill the arts and crafts and music fields which were barely covered this year."

Mr. David Collins, principal of Paisley High since it opened five years ago, will leave at the end of this year to be replaced by Mr. Lionel Stanes, presently with the board of inspectors of secondary schools.

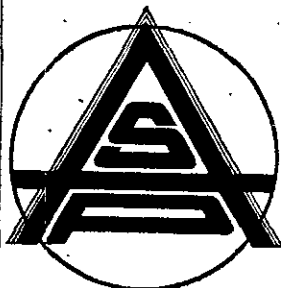
Altona High School, which is battling without facilities like an assembly hall, gymnasium or library, says it has received one teacher from the advertised 12 vacancies.

"However, this figure is rather misleading. Most of those vacancies are temporary staff we have had who haven't taken out permanent status," deputy principal Mr. C. J. Harris said.

The school will expect about 10 vacancies to be filled by first-year teachers.

"That figure is quite good," Mr. Harris said. "Normally we have to fill about 18 places. This has improved."

He said the school still needed a physical education teacher, but the staff situation "is excellent". He will leave Altona High for Braybrook next year.



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Epidemic of alcohol says social worker

The western suburbs are facing an epidemic of alcohol abuse, according to a alcohol and drug dependence worker.

Spokeswoman for the Western Region Working Group on Alcohol and Drug Dependence, Mrs. Diana Sonenberg, said the epidemic was nation wide. She said the group would meet Government representatives this week to outline proposed services for the western region.

"Here in the west the situation is made worse by the fact that services for the alcohol dependent person are non-existent," she said.

Mrs. Sonenberg said health and welfare workers were finding the situation increasingly difficult to cope with.

She said: "In addition to a growing demand being placed on public hospitals due to motor accidents, more and more families are being disrupted by the effects of alcohol abuse."

"Welfare and social workers are trying to keep up with rising numbers of cases of family poverty, child neglect and violence that are alcohol related."

Breath tests

She said the extent of the problem could only be estimated because there weren't enough funds for adequate research.

However, she said recent on-the-spot random breath tests showed that

two per cent. of those tested had blood alcohol levels over .05 per cent.

This was more disturbing, considering that the tests were made at about 3 o'clock in the afternoon and the public was advised in advance through the daily press.

Mrs. Sonenberg said another alarming aspect of the problem was that more than 60 per cent. of people killed in road accidents were over .05.

In the west this situation was worsened because there were no services for alcoholic dependent people, she said.

Services outside the region were hampered by

money shortages which meant only a few really desperate people got help.

Mrs. Sonenberg said it was known that 80 per cent. of the population used alcohol.



Three senior Williamstown Rotarians have been given their Senior Active badges, indicating 15 or more years of active service to Rotary. The three men, Kevin Woodruff, Peter Sadler and Arch Fergusson, have given a combined 47 years to the club. PICTURE: President Ellis Walker, presenting the senior service badge to Peter Sadler.

Sunshine after probe: Hamer

The Premier, Mr. Hamer, has replied to Williamstown Council's protest at the dismissal of Sunshine Council with an assurance that the move was made only after a detailed inquiry.

He said the "detailed and independent inquiry" into the finances of the city indicated that the rights of the majority were being disregarded by the elected councillors.

"Business of the council was not being conducted in a responsible or democratic manner, and under these circumstances it was felt that intervention by the State was both necessary and justified."

Hostel veto

The Minister for Social Welfare, Mr. Dixon, has turned down a council request for the Wiltona Migrant Hostel to be used for emergency accommodation.

He said the property is known to his department, but it is not considered suitable for social welfare needs.

"The department's preference in regard to emergency accommodation is to seek hous-



ing in normal suburban settings," he said. The Federal Government, which no longer needs the hostel, has offered the building to Williamstown Council for almost \$2 million.

No, no, no

Three metropolitan councils have refused to support Williamstown councillors in their stand against the building of the Newport power station.

However, two other councils — Prahran and Sunshine — have advised their sympathy with Williamstown's views.

Hawthorn merely noted Williamstown's letter, Nunawading said it could not lend support, and Werribee said adequate investigation and public participation had been carried out over Newport.

New college

Williamstown councillors want the community to be able to take part in the planning of the proposed Newport Technical College, to be built by the Education Department in Champion Road.

At Monday night's meeting, Cr. Graham Proctor successfully moved that the council write to the Minister of Education, Mr. Thompson, asking the department's policy on community involvement in planning new schools.

Girls protest

The Altona Presbyterian Girls' Gymnasium has complained to the council over the condition of the town hall when it was hired for a dress rehearsal of the group's annual display.

A function had been held at the hall on the Friday night, and the girls rehearsed their exhibition on the Saturday afternoon.

Councillors referred the matter to the town clerk-elect, Mr. Trevor Sloan, for a report on the letting of the hall over weekends.

Kindergarten

The Robina Scott Kindergarten has asked for council's help with heavy building maintenance problems.

The matter has been referred to the environment director, Mr. Garnet Price, to discuss with the kindergarten's maintenance committee, and to help the group wherever possible.

Go, fly a kite

The Williamstown Conservation and Planning Society has invited everyone to come to its second kite fly to be held on Sunday, December 5, at the Esplanade, Williamstown.

The society decided to organise the second kite fly after the response to the first. About 4000 people watched 200 kites flying.

There will be prizes at the kite fly which is free. It will be held on the foreshore area between Giffard and Thompson streets and will start at 1.30 pm.

Electric barbecue facilities are available and competitors are asked to bring their own kites.

If it rains, the kite fly will be postponed until Sunday, December 12.



\$2000 for hospital

Mr. Ted Mitchell, president of Altona Rotary Club is pictured (left) handing over a cheque for \$2000 to Mr. R. Stringer and Mrs. D. Shaw, representing Altona Hospital. The money was raised at a function held by the Rotarians in conjunction with Petroleum Refineries (Aust.) Pty. Ltd.

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Pollution too much for this western family

SIR, — I read in the Mail paper recently about some people in the Altona area, complaining about the pollution from the Carbon Black factory in Altona.

Well we are complaining about the area to the south-west of the Geelong Road, Somerville Road, Robinson Road intersection.

Cr. Matt Harris seems worried about the pollution in the rivers about Footscray — what about the pollution caused by these factories in the air about here?

A while ago I wrote to you complaining about Davis Coop. Thanks to your paper it has since improved.

Letters to the Editor

Firstly we get pollution from Millers Road, Altona — what with the chemical and oil factories there. Then we get meaty smells from three meat factories in the area.

We get the smell of the pumping station at Spotswood, plus rubber and plastics factories in nearby Geelong Road, which seem to me to have their turn in doing this.

I told the doctor recently at Footscray about the pollution — he laughed. I'll bet he doesn't live in the area!

Lately our family seems to have continual sore throats making them go to the doctor every second week.

I read in your paper recently that there are a lot of people leaving the Footscray district — well, this is one reason, and another is that the rates are far too high.

What is the Footscray Council doing with the rate money it gets. No roads or footpaths have been remade in the area near our house in the 20 years we have lived here.

Now, we face the thought of the new Newport power station. It will make things worse still.

Once they start that we are moving, — that will be enough for us. Anything does for the people of the dead west!

I am sure I speak for a lot of people in this area.

IRATE RATEPAYER (Urwin Street, Yarraville).

Gemstoners third

The Altona Gem Club picked up a third place at the Victorian Association of Combined Gem Clubs annual dinner dance recently.

In the club's first attempt it got third placing for table decoration.

Early in November members went to Lake Cooper, near Heathcote, searching for the mineral rock, Jasper. Other minerals like Salweenite and Smokey Quartz were also found.

At the last monthly meeting Mr. Jack Dean showed slides of his trip to the opal fields of Moolya, Queensland.

A street stall will be set up outside Altona Post Office, Pier Street, on Saturday, December 4.

Money raised from the sale of gemstones and other items will go towards equipment of the club.

For membership enquiries ring E. Sumbler on 398 1480.

TPI cards

A combined committee meeting of the Footscray, Williamstown and Western Suburbs TPI Social Club will be held at 1.30 p.m. on December 2, in the Manchester Unity Hall, Footscray.

At the last card afternoon, 46 members joined in. Mrs. G. Taylor won the women's section and Mr. C. Gambrell the men's.

Next card afternoon will be held in the Manchester Unity Hall, at 1.30 p.m. on December 9.

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SM PRAISES DETECTIVE

A Williamstown detective was highly praised at Footscray Court last Thursday after he gave evidence on behalf of a young man he had successfully prosecuted.

Senior - Detective Peter Gibbons of Williamstown CIB, said he considered offences alleged to have been committed by the man were an isolated case.

The man, aged 21, and his father were living in a boarding house after a marital dispute, Sen-Det. Gibbons said.

He had been co-operative and truthful with the police.

The man was charged with loitering in Maribyrnong Street, Footscray, on October 11 with intent to commit a felony; tampering with a car and stealing an overnight bag and its contents, worth \$10, from a car.

He pleaded not guilty to the loitering charge and guilty to the other two. Police then withdrew the loitering charge.

Sen-Det. Gibbons said he was on patrol in the Footscray area about 12.45 a.m. on November 11 when he saw the man standing near the driving-side front door of a parked station sedan.

He moved to the back of the vehicle carrying an overnight bag.

'Waiting'
Asked what he was doing there at that hour, the man replied he was waiting for his mate, who was fishing.

Asked about the bag, he said "I'll tell you the truth, I got it out of this car." Sen-Det. Gibbons said.

The vent window had been unlocked so he opened the door and took the bag in a search for money or cigarettes.

He had been out walking because he could not sleep and decided when he saw the car to see what was in it.

Police said the man had no prior convictions.

He told the court he had been unemployed and short of money at the time.

He had a casual job to start the next day and there was a chance it would become permanent.

Sen-Det. Gibbons then returned to the witness box and gave his evidence on the man's behalf.

Mr. W. Guy, SM, told the man the offences were serious.

'Fortunate'

But he was fortunate that Sen-Det. Gibbons had spoken on his behalf.

It was possible the detective would not receive as much publicity for this as if he had acted differently, Mr. Guy said.

"You should be very grateful and I feel sure the people in the court will be most impressed by his actions," he said, referring to Sen. Det. Gibbons.

Mr. Guy adjourned the charges for 12 months on condition the man enter a \$200 good behavior bond.

He made a condition of the bond the man pay \$150 to the court's poor

box and pointed out if he did not get into trouble in the time of the bond no conviction would be recorded.

FOOTNOTE: Because of the attitude taken by the court and Sen-Det. Gibbons and because it could jeopardise the man's new job, his name is withheld from publication.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SEC accused of 'nit-picking'

SIR, — The nit-picking and personal vilification in which the SEC indulges is typical of its whole pro-Newport campaign.

Like other proponents of the project, the SEC has found it expedient to denigrate personalities, whether individual or collective, rather than discuss the scientific facts, which it continually downgrades or ignores.

The SEC prefers to rest its case on overseas experts — some from England which, until this year, had not experienced photo-chemical smog.

The scientists who know much more about Melbourne's meteorological conditions are those who have studied them.

These experts include Melbourne University's department of meteorology and the CSIRO department of atmospheric physics. They support the contention that a large power station should not be built at Newport.

Another scientific source, Dr. Robert Birrell, of Monash University's Department of Sociology, states he has found higher death rates from lung disease in those people living in the inner suburbs — the areas which would be most under assault from the proposed power station.

Other arguments rubbished by the SEC are those against the wasteful use of valuable energy resources, and whether Victoria needs another electricity generator.

The argument against the power station on the grounds of bad town planning has been dismissed because "there have been power stations there for over 50 years".

Such muddled thinking does not, of course, accord with the more enlightened attitude towards planning in more favored suburbs like the Dandenongs and the Mornington Peninsula.

Perhaps some of the worst aspects of the whole Newport argument is its treatment by the daily Press.

For reasons best known to themselves, the Melbourne papers have supported the SEC and Government by printing all their propaganda, giving them front-page banner headlines, and joining them in union-bashing.

Attention has been drawn away from the basic scientific facts.

Any opponents to the proposed station are, now and then, allowed space in the letters section.

Anything more substantial is treated with "ignore" — like the recent Press conference when scientists Dr. Birrell, Dr. Cyril Curtin (CSIRO) and Mr. Simon West drew attention to the lung disease death rates. The daily papers printed nothing. Why?

Western suburban papers, however, are kinder. In fact, one wonders at times whether they are talking about the same subject.

Melbourne papers quote Premier Hamer as saying his door is open for discussions, and our local papers print his answer to requests for discussions, from councillors and other organisations — his door is firmly closed.

The dailies print a very one-sided story, then scream for referenda. People cannot make a rational and balanced decision on Newport unless they are given ALL the facts — and it has to be facts, not emotional catch-cries.

Australia has some brilliant scientific brains. It is about time they were given the courtesy and respect they deserve.

— John Patterson, Williamstown Conservation and Planning Society president.



'Puss' panto for Altona

Altona Drama Group will present *Puss In Boots*, a two-act pantomime, at the Altona Civic Centre, Civic Parade, Altona.

Dates are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, December 14, 15, 16, 17 at 7.45 p.m.

The pantomime is a commercial one but the group has added its own up-dated songs.

Tickets, at \$1.50 or 75 cents for students, are available at Mannings Music Centre, Pier Street, Altona.

• The picture shows co-director of *Puss In Boots*, Barbara Freebody, instructing pantomime play (from left) Ruth Pearce, Shaun Pearce, Helena Kublik, Paula Morgan and Ken Robinson.

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Maudie Mills dies

The Altona Returned Servicemen's Memorial Club this week paid tribute to a foundation member of the Altona Women's RSL Auxiliary who died recently, Mrs. Alice Maud ("Maudie") Mills.

Mrs. Mills died at the Williamstown Hospital at the age of 86.

She lived in Rayner Street, Altona.

For more than 30 years, she worked for RSL charities and was rewarded in 1975 with a life membership of the Victorian RSL women's auxiliary.

Mrs. Mills was also a past captain of the RSL indoor bowling team, a member of the Senior Citizens' Club, Altona Bowling Club and the Altona Workingmen's Club.

She is survived by her husband James (who served with the 13th Field Ambulance in France) and a daughter, Mrs. McManus.

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Also, 4 matching nailpolishes — Stripe Me Pink, In The Clover, On Fire and Coral On The Rocks.

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Sun Stick — Emollient moisturising stick protects sensitive areas against strong sun and snow glare.

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Boom gates at Champion Rd

The Victorian Railways has agreed to erect boom gates at the Champion Road railway crossing in Newport.

The Railways Department has told the Williamstown Council that it will be required to pay \$11,084 before any work at the crossing begins.

The council will have to

pay \$10,148 for the footpath on the west of the road, and \$936 for the pedestrian crossing.

"Prior to the start of the work council is required to pay \$11,084, and to give a written undertaking of agreement to carry out the works required to be done by it, and in respect of works over the track or railway reserve," the department said.

"A written undertaking will also be required to compensate the Victorian Railways Board and to release and indemnify them from any damages etc., which arise out of carrying out the works on railway land."

The council agreed to all the conditions at Monday night's meeting, and referred the matter to the environment director, Mr. Garnet Price.

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Bill is dehumanising

SIR, — The Vital State Projects Bill is perhaps an angrily affirmative attempt to answer the question promoted by the media, that of who runs the State — it has no other virtue or rationale.

It is unlikely to succeed in getting the proposed Newport power station built. It has already succeeded in polarising our community into warring factions.

The State Government will now retain its dominance only by acting on the clear basis of this bill, which is a dehumanising willingness to repress, silence and disregard political opponents and the citizens whose interests they represent.

The Premier claims this bill upholds the rights of the people. Which people? The rights of trade unionists, conservation groups, resident groups and others who may support a particular union ban are clearly not upheld.

The rights of the ordinary citizen are better upheld by the trade union movement, which is in practice responsible for a constituency not represented by the Government, than by the assumption of powers by will now retain its dominance the Government enabling the implementation of plans drawn up by a department or commission.

The residents of Newport and Williamstown have the same rights of democratic action to defend their local living conditions as the Government

recognises in relation to the right of unions to strike over industrial matters.

It is morally repugnant to us that this bill attacks an altruistic form of union action taken in defence of the interests of community groups.

Far from holding the community to ransom, union bans are frequently the only effective defence left against the depredations of another economically more powerful section.

This bill is a significant act of class warfare — it seeks the general removal of this "weapon of last resort".

We cannot claim to speak for the general public, only a referendum can do that. However, we accept that most people want adequate supplies of electricity and jobs.

We hope for the development of an organisation to assess our real needs for energy and consumer goods, and to move towards a society based on meeting such basic needs.

In the absence of such creative leadership, people may fasten on Newport as the short term answer to the ultimately impossible goal of sustained growth in our energy consumption.

We believe that an acceptable resolution of this issue can only be found after substantial public debate.

The Government and the SEC have told us that the power station will not harm the environment in any way, "as long as the licence conditions are observed".

A range of scientifically trained people advance information which casts doubt on this statement, and add that the use of natural gas for the project would be a waste of a relatively scarce non-renewable resource.

Doubts have been cast on the SEC projections of electricity demand. Conservation and the promotion of renewable energy sources like wind, tide and solar should be high priorities with the State's energy policy.

We believe that a year of investigating alternative power station sites and sources, and of answering the many questions being posed, would help find a rational resolution of the problem.

If we had to choose between paying more for electricity because of a union ban, and living in a community in which this bill can be enacted, we would unhesitatingly choose the former.

It would be the price we would have to pay for the inefficiency of our system in reaching consensus about how to proceed as a community.

It now appears we shall have to suffer both, barring the unlikely capitulation by the unions, or a withdrawal of this bill.

We expect the State Government to recognise that the price is far too high for any community that wants to go on calling itself a democracy.

The REV. S. YULE for the Congregation of the Uniting Church of Fitzroy.

MELBOURNE'S YESTERDAYS

...and a lot of old Williamstown's

The four-master sailing ships unloading their cargo on to trains at Williamstown's Breakwater Pier look vastly different to the tanker berth the pier now is . . . Staff journalist John Dixon reviews a new pictorial record of the Melbourne metropolitan area of the past.

And while the botanic gardens don't look all that different skirts of the women playing tennis at Williamstown Tennis Club in 1891 are a far call from their tiny counterparts of today.

We're looking through Melbourne's Yesterday, a pictorial record of the metropolitan area between 1951 and 1901, compiled by Don Bennetts.

It's a book with a great deal of meaning for the people of Williamstown and many other parts of Melbourne: a "must" for people with a sense of nostalgia and for collectors.

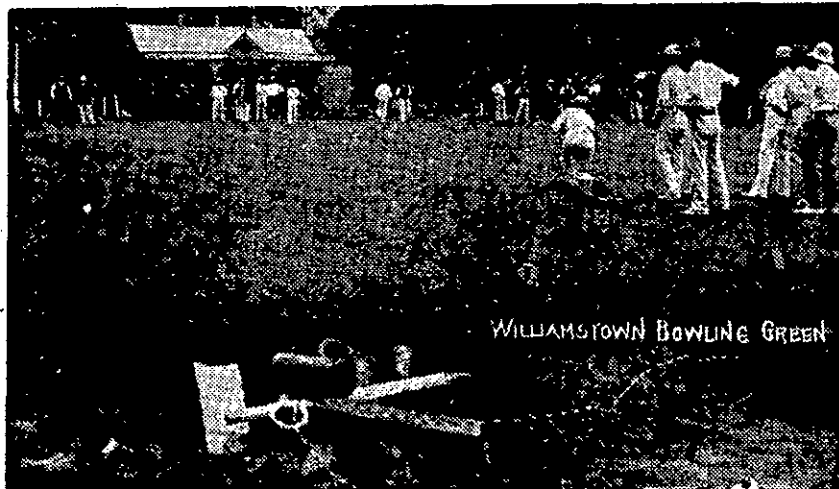
A big section early in the book is devoted to pictures of old Williamstown and similar pictures are scattered later in the book.

And the first acknowledgement by Mr. Bennetts for co-operation in compiling the book is to Williamstown's city historian, Mr. Wilson P. Evans.

The book was compiled when Don Bennetts, a former television personality, returned to Melbourne after 15 years overseas.

No 'prodical'

He says he felt, like a prodigal son returning, he owed his home city something. But the "Prodigal



WILLIAMSTOWN BOWLING GREEN

Son" of the Biblical parable was hosted and given gifts: in the reverse, Don Bennetts has given the people of Melbourne — and of Australia as a whole — something that will keep his name afloat for many years.

There are photographs of picnic parties at the Botanic Garden in 1890, obviously social events of great significance.

The mouth of the Yarra in 1888 is easily recognisable but vastly different and St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, in 1876 looked very different without its spire.

Williamstown Bowling Green — reproduced here from Melbourne's Yesterday — is also easy to identify but again is vastly changed.

The foreshore, in 1861, with a typical Old Salt in the foreground is an intriguing picture and the decorated carriages that took people to Williamstown for the Carriers' Picnic in 1896 show it as a festive event.

The first section of the timeball tower is shown; the old Post and Telegraph Office, a yacht from the Royal Yacht Club, in 1900 with her Majesty's Victorian Ship Cerberus in the background.

In addition, there are pictures of the Footscray, of the past, Yarraville, Melbourne, of course and many other suburbs.

'Excited'

Don Bennetts is loud in his praise of and affection for Williamstown.

On his frequent visits to see Mr. Evans, he says, he developed the habit of driving back to Melbourne via The Strand.

"And every time I did so I became more and more excited," he says.

Like many others, he sees Williamstown as a future exclusive residential area. His praise for the

co-operation from Mr. Evans is bountiful.

And he is loud in his praise for Footscray Historical Society's administrator, Mr. George Seelaf.

Melbourne's Yesterday is published by Souvenir Press. Recommended retail price is \$11.95. It is available in Webster's Newsagency Ferguson Street.

Carols 'more for public'

Carols by Candlelight will involve more public participation this year, the Altona Council of Churches said this week.

Mr. P. A. Baines, secretary of the council, said the carols would be held on the lawn behind the civic offices, in Civic Parade.

At the public's request, the council has arranged for the evening to give more audience involvement than in the past.

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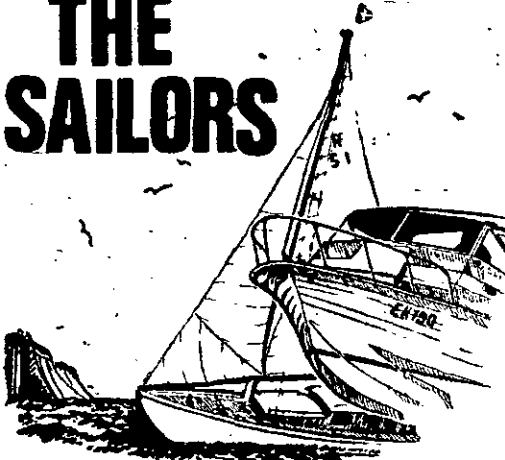
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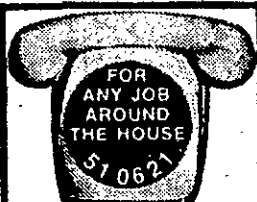
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WILLIAMS, Percy. — December 3rd, 1974. Words are few. Feelings are deep. Memories of you are mine to keep. Your Mum, John and Family.

THANKS

BOARD. — The family of the late **Ellen Margaret Board**, of 14 McQuarie Street, Williamstown, would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbors for cards and floral tributes received by them on their recent bereavement. Would you please accept this as our personal thanks as some addresses are unknown. Our greatest comfort is to know that so many cared.

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MILLS. — On November 23rd at Williamstown Hospital, Alice Maude Mills of 45 Rayner Street, Altona — Dearly loved wife of James, beloved mother of Lorrie (Mrs. McManus), loving grandmother of Terrence and Helen, Josephine and Robert, a great-grandmother of Peter, Dyanne and Justine. She lived life.

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The final score was: C2 d. Aberfeldie, 112-47. Best rink: J. Fraser (s), C. Trickey, J. McGarnett, J. Battalo.

A4 lost to Victoria, 89-109. Best rink: B. Yates (s), J. Evans, R. Bruce, L. Finley.

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Pennant bowls

Altona Bowling Club's A1 pennant side lost to Alma 103-81 at the weekend. Best rink was T. Reid (skip) R. Douglas, L. Craig, A. Caldwell 24-17.

Reserve 2 also lost — 71 to Ormond Park's 106.

B4 beat Fitzroy by 17 shots and C4 scraped in two shots ahead of City of Melbourne. Best rink: H. Harris (skip), K. Stocker, T. Atkins, K. Patterson 40-25.

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'Town poised to beat Port

Les Joslin called right at the North Port oval on Saturday, and sent Port Melbourne in to bat, with the result that Williamstown are poised to win their first match of the season.

Williamstown took the meagre 132, Cahill took their last wicket to finish a great day with five to his name.

Apart from Anderson (51) and McLean (27), no other Port bat reached double figures.

The Port ground was looking in fine condition as Phil McTaggart and 'Jesse' James went out to bat.

But with Williamstown on 16, their very experienced bowler, Walker, had McLean caught for 14, and then, right away, bowled Peter Costello for a duck.

Les Meyers joined McTaggart and they added 20 before McTaggart was trapped lbw. by Jim Canole.

Williamstown were 3/36 and badly needed a steady.

Meyers was joined by McConnell, who stayed quiet, while Meyers added 12.

At stumps Williamstown were 3/48, needing 85 to win, with seven wickets in hand.

SCORE
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S. White c. Peter Costello b. Tony Cahill 7; J. McFarlane run out 3; N. Schinck run out 9; G. Anderson c. Tom Ferris b. Les Joslin 51; G. Kemp c. Peter Costello b. Tony Cahill 7; C. Pasquill c. Tom Ferris b. Andy Gibson 7; J. Canole c. Bill Fowler b. Andy Gibson 1; K. Walker c. Tom Ferris b. Tony Cahill 3; D. McLean b. Tony Cahill 27; Bryce no. 1; sundries 9; total 132.

Bowling: Tony Cahill 5/42, Andrew Gibson 2/40; Les Joslin 1/42, Barry McConnell 0/19.

Then, with Port on a

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Western Suburbs Tennis Association junior ladder:

GIRLS

Grade 1: Altona (1) 24, Yarraville 22, Maidstone (1) 22, Maidstone (2) 16, Youth Club 10, Altona (2) 10, Sunshine Park 6, Liston 2.

Grade 2: Youth Club 24, Yarraville 20, Our Lady's 18, Liston 14, Altona 12, Spotswood 12, Kingsville 10, Sunshine Park 2.

Grade 3: Footscray 26, Rosamond 22, Altona 18, Youth Club 14, Brooklyn 14, Diggers 10, Sunshine Park 6, Deer Park 2.

Grade 4: Footscray 26, Spotswood 20, Yarraville 18, Footscray (1) 18, Sunshine VRI 12, Maidstone 10, Altona 8, Sunshine Park 0.

Grade 5: Youth Club 22, Deer Park 22, Rosamond 22, Yarraville 18, Brooklyn 10, Kingsville 10, Central 6, Diggers 2.

Grade 6: Our Lady's 26, Footscray 22, Rosamond (2) 18, Youth Club 14, Brooklyn 14, Rosamond (1) 10, Yarraville 6, Sunshine Park 2.

Grade 7: Our Lady's 26, Youth Club 22, Footscray 22, Kingsville 18, Sunshine Park (2) 8, Rosamond 8, Brooklyn 6, Sunshine Park (1) 2.

BOYS

Grade 1: Rosamond 28, Altona 24, Central 18, Diggers 12, Sunshine Park 12, Our Lady's 10, Deer Park 6.

Grade 2: Footscray 26, Kingsville 10, Sunshine (1) 20, Youth Club 14, Yarraville 14, Liston 10, Brooklyn 4, Spotswood (2) 2.

Grade 3: Central 28, Deer Park (1) 22, Sunshine VRI 14, Deer Park (2) 12, Kingsville 10, Sunshine Park 10, Brooklyn 10, Youth Club 6.

WHS IN GRAND FINAL

With an easy victory over Coburg in the preliminary final, Williamstown High School has won its way into the B6 Grade Victorian Table Tennis Association Grand Final.

The team, WHS Nilsson, should reverse its second semi-final loss of 5-6, to win the final.

It will be the club's third VTTA premiership. It has already won 21 flags in western suburbs competition.

Results:
VTTA B6 grade preliminary final: WHS Nilsson 6 (Paul Miles 3, Jason Warland 2, 1 doubles) d. Coburg 3.

WSTAA reserve grade: WHS Anchors 7 (Luciano Azzopardi, Jason Warland 3, 1 doubles) d. Altona West 4.

C1 grade: WHS Nilsson 11 (Geoff Van Wyngaarden, Tommy Chan, Peter Davies 3, 2 doubles) d. Hoechst Wanders 0.

E1 grade: WHS Malakunas 10 (Claudio Azzopardi, Anthony Watts 3, Alex Hell 2, 2 doubles) d. Seddon Cricket Club 1.

WHS Danies 8 (Robbie Bell, Andrew McGowan 3, Chris Day 1, 1 doubles) d. Altona West 3.

Leading players on the aggregates: A reserve, Jason Warland 16-2, Luciano Azzopardi 15-3; C1 grade, Peter Davies 13-5, Geoff Van Wyngaarden 10-2; E1 grade, Anthony Watts 20-1, Claudio Azzopardi 20-1, Alex Hell 14-4, Andrew McGowan 10-8.

At stumps Broadmeadows were 2/31. Gary Brennan and Peter McNish both had 1/13.

On Sunday Williamstown cricketers will play cricket against the Kooragal Golf Club at Beach Oval. It should be a fun day and lunch is on the agenda.

COLTS HOLD THE LEAD

Williamstown Colts' A-turf team are 1/4 in their second innings, 35 runs ahead of the Newport Baseballers.

The boys scored a first-innings total of 120, with a welcome return to form by G. Serong (33) and T. Humphries (26). Newport made 89, with B. Norton top-scoring on 41.

Good bowling efforts were from Peter Snoey (2/14), C. Slattery (5/38) and P. Humphries (2/11).

A-mating. Colts first-inning total is 169, with captain Fred Caulfield opening to hit a fine 55. Robert Wendt, a new-comer to the side, made 38.

In reply, WRSL are 5/33. Wendt proved himself a capable bowler as well as batsman, taking 3/15. J. Hartley took 2/16.

B-mating: Colts won the toss and batted to a first-innings total of 90 (D. Liston 17, A. Dyson 13 n.o.). Seddon made a total of 29, with Chris Wilson wreaking havoc and taking 7/13. P. Byrne took 3/13.

In their second innings Colts are 2/41.

Under 16: Colts 142 (P. Zammit 52, B. Webster 27 n.o.), St. Paul's are 0/29.

Women's cricket

Results from women's cricket played at the weekend:

Altona North (1) 3/69 (B. Butcher 45 n.o., S. Cunningham 32 n.o.) v. Waverley 157 (M. Danielson 42, L. Bromley 38 n.o., B. Butcher 3/34, J. Norman 1/9).

The team is in third position in A grade.

Altona North (2) 94 (L. Musicka 33, S. Lawson 25) v. Airport West 0/47.

The number 2 team is in third position in A grade.

Ron Cassar has Yarras reeling

A fine spell of bowling by Ron Cassar set Altona Cricket Club firsts off on a whirlwind that had Yarraville reeling at 4/5.

At one stage, Ron had 3/3.

But Altona did not press home the advantage. Although fielding was first class, Altona's bowlers did not have the penetration to break through the middle-order batsmen.

Details: Yarraville first innings — R. Lee c. Patton b. Cassar 2; R. Cook c. Forrester b. Cassar 1; J. Gilham c. Patton b. Cassar 0; P. Entright c. and b. Hansen 94; D. Withington b. Duff 1; P. Jowett c. Jarrett b. Hansen 17; I. Donald run out 4; J. McCullagh 28 n.o.; R. Drever c. Patton b. Cassar 1; J. Hayne 12 n.o.; extras 8. Total 8 wickets cc for 168.

Bowling: R. Cassar 4/40, K. Duff 1/31, K. Hansen 2/33, J. Dalton 0/6, M. Calaz 0/39, D. O'Ggan 0/8 T. Moloney 0/3.

SECONDS.
The side has settled down and is playing as a team. The main bowling attack from Bruce Frost and Mark Blokkeerus highlighted the game.

First bowled 20 overs, taking 4/32 and Blokkeerus, 17 overs, 3/48.

Details: Altona 0/10 v Yarraville 124 (Frost 4/32, Blokkeerus 3/48, Halsall 3/31).

Green won the sub-junior 1500 metres in 4 min. 42.8 sec. — his personal best — and Hyde ran a very close second in the under-14 1500 metres with a fast time of 4 min. 42.1 sec.

Warwick Glynn won the under-13 100 metres. Romano Cernicoi in the under-14 100 metres in 12.8 sec. and Wayne Smith won the under-15 years 100 metres in 12.7 sec.

Smith won also the shot put and the discus throw, defeating the Richmond club.

The sub-junior 1500 metres walk went to Peter

Clement and his brother, Anthony, won the under-14 years 1500 metres walk with another Altona member, Andrew Jachno, winning the under-15 years 1500 metres walk.

Stephen Smith, competing in D Grade, won the 110 metres hurdle and ran second in the 400 metre sprint.

Michael Grice also gained points for the club by defeating old Xaverians (1) Club in the under-14 discus throw.

Other team members to gain points for the club were Michael Scott, Jeff Harrison, Gareth Barnes and Michael Lokaj.

Thirds: Altona 4/57 (Joe Grassby 25) v Melbourne Central 110 (Alan Davis 3/23, Peter Carton 2/3).

Fourths: Altona v Youlden Parkville (D. Wilson 5/38, R. McCullach 3/41).

Under 16: Altona 3/31 v Williamstown Meths.

72: Peter Stephens 5/28).

Under 14: Altona 1/59 (D. Martin 25 n.o., B. Scholes 17 n.o.) d. Sea-holme 5/49 (B. Scholes 3/12, D. Martin 2/13).

Under 12: Altona 6/58 (Darren Cron 21 n.o., Darren McCassey 16) d. ANBY 50.

Athletes go well at Altona meet

Stephen Green and Paul Hyde turned in the best performances at Altona Amateur Athletic Club's meeting at the week-end.

Green won the sub-junior 1500 metres in 4 min. 42.8 sec. — his personal best — and Hyde ran a very close second in the under-14 1500 metres with a fast time of 4 min. 42.1 sec.

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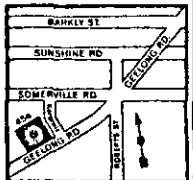
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Koorungal golf

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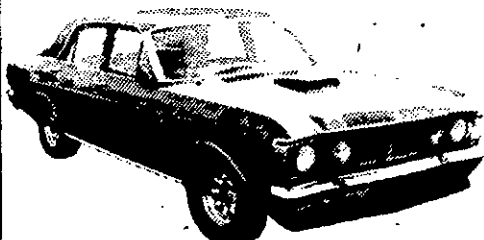
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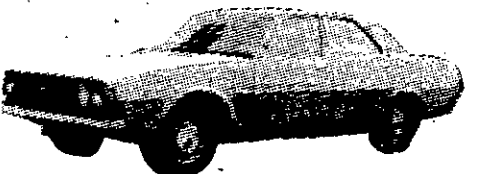
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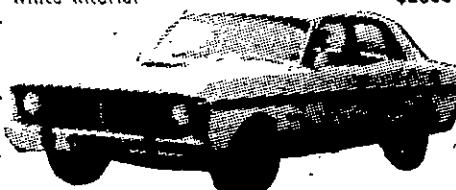
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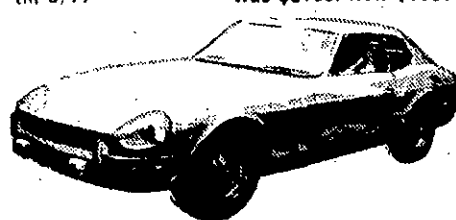
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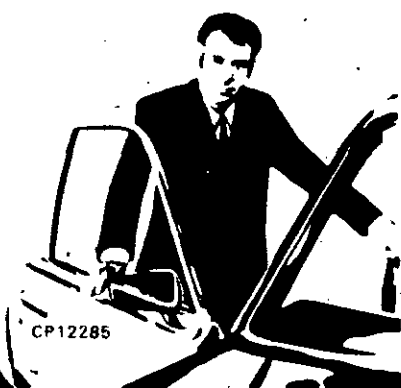
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